



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

October 24, 2007

Laurence Gold, Esq.
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
5th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: ADR # 408
Matt Brown for U.S. Senate and Tim Patterson, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Gold:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on July 10, 2007 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Matt Brown for U.S. Senate and Tim Patterson, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 408 (RAD 07L-24) was approved by the Commission on October 22, 2007 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 9 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6 and contain the ADR caption and case number. **The civil penalty payment should be sent to the attention of the Accounting/Finance Office of the FEC. The civil penalty under the agreement is due on November 23, 2007. Please put the ADR case number on the civil penalty check as well, to ensure crediting to the correct case.**

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,



Deborah Ruth Kant, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1661

Enclosure: Agreement

cc: Angela Dillard, Finance and Accounting Office
Room 819

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NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "the Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the FECA"), and resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Laurence E. Gold, representing Matt Brown for U.S. Senate and Timothy Patterson, in his official capacity as Treasurer (collectively "Respondents" or "the Committee"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") is guided by the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. § 572, and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Committee failed to report \$94,835.32 in additional debt on its 2006 April Quarterly Report (a 55% increase) and \$54,669.69 on its 2006 July Quarterly Report (a 17% increase). The Committee amended both reports twice, and in response to the RFAs on both reports, the Committee stated that numerous invoices relating to the additional debt were received late and that the Committee had undergone a series of financial and other setbacks, including staff layoffs. The Committee apologized for the inadvertent errors.
4. Respondents state that they filed these amended reports on their own initiative and were not previously contacted by the Commission about the possibility of errors in the original reports. Respondents further state that prior to the Commission's initiation of this matter Respondents hired a campaign finance specialist to review and correct their FEC filings
5. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including debts pursuant to the FECA. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8), 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d).

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6. Respondents, in an effort to resolve this matter, agree to: (a) pay a \$1,100 civil penalty and (b) work with Commission Staff in terminating the Committee.
 7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
 8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
 9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms set forth in paragraph 6 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.
 10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the resolution of ADR 408 (RAD 07L-24), and effectively resolves only those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party that is not included herein shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

By: Deborah Ruth Kant 10/23/2007
Deborah Ruth Kant, Director Date Signed
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

Laurence E. Gold October 15, 2007
Laurence E. Gold, Date Signed
Representing Matt Brown for U.S. Senate,
and Timothy Patterson, in his official capacity as Treasurer